

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Duerrler for the brief Telephone Interview that took place on August 13, 2008, concerning the typographical error that was found in the Amendment filed July 10, 2008. As discussed, the instant supplemental amendment merely changes the dependency of claim 5 to depend from claim 1, rather than claim 4 as filed. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 25 remain in the application. Claim 1 is independent.

As should be clear from the prior amendments and remarks which are incorporated herein by reference, every effort has been made to advance the prosecution toward allowance by the presentation of claims which on their face avoid the prior art applied in the first Office Action, and thereby conclude prosecution in an expeditious manner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been properly traversed and addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Paul T. Sewell, Registration No. 61,784, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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